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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 42nd and 49th meetings, on 10 and 18 December 1990, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (A/45/718) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/827).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/45/L.12

3. At the 49th meeting, on 18 December, the representative of Ireland introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/45/L.12).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.12 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/SR.42 and 49).

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III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission for a period of thirty-one months,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Verification Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States that are permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission by a Government,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Angola Verification Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

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1/ A/45/718.

2/ A/45/827.

1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission in full and on time;

3. Decides, taking into account the outstanding assessed contributions due to the Special Account of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, to defer any action on the estimated unencumbered balance of the appropriations as may be called for until its forty-sixth session;

4. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 4,381,900 United States dollars for the operation of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission for the period from 3 January 1991 to 2 August 1991;

5. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 4,381,900 dollars for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 3/

6. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 158,000 dollars approved for the period from 3 January to 2 August 1991, inclusive;

7. Approves the request of the Secretary-General that he proceed with the disposition of the assets of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission as proposed in paragraph 9 of his report 1/ and paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee; 2/

8. Decides that Liechtenstein shall be included in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

9. Decides that Namibia shall be included in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Angola

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Verification Mission shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments; 4/

10. Decides also that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission until 2 January 1991 of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the present resolution shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in paragraph 5 above;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by General Assembly resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Angola Verification Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.

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CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Current financial crisis of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered this item concurrently with the agenda item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations" at its 47th, 48th and 49th meetings, on 15, 17 and 18 December 1990. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General "Current situation and funding prospects for 1991" (A/45/830) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/860).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

3. At the 49th meeting, on 18 December, the representative of India, following informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.17.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.17 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of these items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/45/SR.47-49).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Current financial crisis and financial emergency of the United Nations

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The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, Article 17 thereof,

Recalling also its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 and 42/212 of 21 December 1987, 43/215 of 21 December 1988 and 44/195 of 21 December 1989,

Deeply concerned that the current financial crisis threatens the financial solvency, stability and work of the Organization,

Noting the significant efforts made by Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full or to reduce the level of their outstanding contributions,

Reaffirming the need for a durable, reliable and lasting financial foundation for the Organization, in accordance with the Charter,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the current financial crisis of the United Nations, 1/ the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee on this subject,

1. Reiterates the legal obligation of all Member States, under the Charter of the United Nations, to finance the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly;

2. Requests all Member States to pay their outstanding and current assessed contributions in full and in a timely manner in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the financial situation of the United Nations and to keep the President of the General Assembly and the chairmen of the regional groups informed so as to facilitate consideration by Member States if the situation so requires;

1/ A/45/830.

2/ A/45/860.

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to communicate to all Member States the latest information on the current financial crisis facing the Organization and to submit a report giving his best projections of the financial situation of the Organization to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session by 15 November 1991, followed by additional and more up-to-date information as soon as possible.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/216 A of 21 December 1987, 43/220 of 21 December 1988, 44/195 of 21 December 1989 and all previous related resolutions,

Noting the increased importance of the role of the Organization in peace-keeping and in this regard recalling paragraph 8 of resolution 45/75 of 11 December 1990,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations, 3/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Noting the improvement in the level of the short-term deficit of the Organization, which it is estimated will be reduced to 260.7 million dollars as at 31 December 1990,

Concerned at the precarious financial situation of all peace-keeping operations and noting that troop-contributing Member States, including the developing country troop contributors of past and present peace-keeping operations, have borne most of the burden of the deficit,

Noting with concern the long delays in and partial payments and non-payment of assessed contributions to past and current peace-keeping operations,

Reiterating earlier appeals to Member States, without prejudice to their position of principle, to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account referred to in annex VI to the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations,

Considering the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fifth session,

1. Urges all Member States to meet their financial obligations under the Charter of the United Nations by paying promptly and in full all assessed contributions, including advances to the Working Capital Fund and assessments relating to peace-keeping operations;

3/ A/C.5/45/17.

2. Expresses its appreciation to all Member States that pay their assessed contributions in full in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in addition to sending official communications to the permanent representatives of Member States, to approach, as and when appropriate, the Governments of Member States for the purpose of encouraging the expeditious payment in full of all outstanding assessed contributions to all peace-keeping operations, as well as seeking further voluntary contributions for peace-keeping operations;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his report on the financial emergency of the United Nations, on a regular basis, a detailed analysis of the financial situation of the Organization, including reimbursements owed to Member States for their participation in peace-keeping operations;

5. Takes note of the proposal of the Secretary-General for an increase in the level of the Working Capital Fund and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in this regard and decides to revert to this matter, if necessary, at the forty-sixth session;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the financial emergency of the United Nations to the General Assembly each year by 10 October, including therein the results of his efforts in implementation of paragraph 3 of the present resolution.

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FINANCIAL EMERGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Financial emergency of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered this item concurrently with the agenda item entitled "Current financial crisis of the United Nations" at its 47th, 48th and 49th meetings, on 15, 17 and 18 December 1990. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General "Analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations (A/C.5/45/17) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/860).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

3. At the 49th meeting, on 18 December, the representative of India, following informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.17.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.17 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of these items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/45/SR.47-49).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Current financial crisis and financial emergency of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, Article 17 thereof,

Recalling also its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 and 42/212 of 21 December 1987, 43/215 of 21 December 1988 and 44/195 of 21 December 1989,

Deeply concerned that the current financial crisis threatens the financial solvency, stability and work of the Organization,

Noting the significant efforts made by Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full or to reduce the level of their outstanding contributions,

Reaffirming the need for a durable, reliable and lasting financial foundation for the Organization, in accordance with the Charter,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the current financial crisis of the United Nations, 1/ the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ and the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee on this subject,

1. Reiterates the legal obligation of all Member States, under the Charter of the United Nations, to finance the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly;

2. Requests all Member States to pay their outstanding and current assessed contributions in full and in a timely manner in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the financial situation of the United Nations and to keep the President of the General Assembly and the chairmen of the regional groups informed so as to facilitate consideration by Member States if the situation so requires;

1/ A/45/830.

2/ A/45/860.

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to communicate to all Member States the latest information on the current financial crisis facing the Organization and to submit a report giving his best projections of the financial situation of the Organization to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session by 15 November 1991, followed by additional and more up-to-date information as soon as possible.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/216 A of 21 December 1987, 43/220 of 21 December 1988, 44/195 of 21 December 1989 and all previous related resolutions,

Noting the increased importance of the role of the Organization in peace-keeping and in this regard recalling paragraph 8 of resolution 45/75 of 11 December 1990,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations, 3/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Noting the improvement in the level of the short-term deficit of the Organization, which it is estimated will be reduced to 260.7 million dollars as at 31 December 1990,

Concerned at the precarious financial situation of all peace-keeping operations and noting that troop-contributing Member States, including the developing country troop contributors of past and present peace-keeping operations, have borne most of the burden of the deficit,

Noting with concern the long delays in and partial payments and non-payment of assessed contributions to past and current peace-keeping operations,

Reiterating earlier appeals to Member States, without prejudice to their position of principle, to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account referred to in annex VI to the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations,

Considering the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fifth session,

1. Urges all Member States to meet their financial obligations under the Charter of the United Nations by paying promptly and in full all assessed contributions, including advances to the Working Capital Fund and assessments relating to peace-keeping operations;

3/ A/C.5/45/17.

2. Expresses its appreciation to all Member States that pay their assessed contributions in full in accordance with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in addition to sending official communications to the permanent representatives of Member States, to approach, as and when appropriate, the Governments of Member States for the purpose of encouraging the expeditious payment in full of all outstanding assessed contributions to all peace-keeping operations, as well as seeking further voluntary contributions for peace-keeping operations;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his report on the financial emergency of the United Nations, on a regular basis, a detailed analysis of the financial situation of the Organization, including reimbursements owed to Member States for their participation in peace-keeping operations;

5. Takes note of the proposal of the Secretary-General for an increase in the level of the Working Capital Fund and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in this regard and decides to revert to this matter, if necessary, at the forty-sixth session;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the financial emergency of the United Nations to the General Assembly each year by 10 October, including therein the results of his efforts in implementation of paragraph 3 of the present resolution.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY CO-ORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/798). The Committee also had before it notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on budgeting in organizations of the United Nations system (A/45/130) and the comments thereon of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (A/45/130/Add.1).

3. The Committee considered the item at its 37th, 38th, 40th, 42nd, 43rd and 50th meetings, on 27 and 30 November and 5, 10, 11 and 19 December 1990. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/45/SR.37, 38, 40, 42, 43 and 50).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/45/L.18

4. At the 50th meeting, on 19 December, following informal consultations, the representative of Germany introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/45/L.18).

5. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/45/L.18 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,

(a) Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency; 1/

(b) Invites the Advisory Committee to continue its examination of administrative and budgetary issues relevant to more effective co-ordination among the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and, in the light of the introductory statement of the Chairman of that Committee, welcomes the intention of the Advisory Committee to ensure that statistical information presented to the General Assembly is timely and to increase its efforts to report on specific matters of system-wide concern such as conference services, procurement and agency support costs;

(c) Approves the conclusions and recommendations of the report of the chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the twenty-fifth series of joint meetings of the two Committees 2/ on the improvement of co-ordination in the United Nations system;

(d) Urges the organizations of the United Nations system to lend their full support to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for the improvement of the analytical content and forward-looking character of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

(e) Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on budgeting in organizations of the United Nations system 3/ and of the comments thereon of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination; 4/

(f) Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to continue its work on budgeting techniques and practices in the United Nations system and to update periodically the comparative tables provided in volume II of its report.

1/ A/45/798.

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3/ A/45/130.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council". At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate chapters I, III (sect. B) and VI (sects. B and C) of the report 1/ to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee noted various chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council in the context of its consideration of other items, notably, item 117, Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, item 118, Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, and item 119, Programme planning.

3. At its 48th meeting, on 17 December, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that had been allocated to the Fifth Committee (see para. 4).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/45/3/Rev.1).

Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of chapters I, III (sect. B) and VI (sects. B and C) of the report of the Economic and Social Council. 1/

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QUESTION OF PALESTINE
THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

SECURITY COUNCIL
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Letter dated 17 December 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the communiqué issued by the members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations in their meeting on 14 December 1990, regarding the situation in Jerusalem (see annex) and to kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 23 and 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amre M. MOUSSA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Communiqué issued on 14 December 1990 by the members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations on the situation in Jerusalem

The members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations, at their meeting on 14 December 1990, expressed their grave concern regarding the recurrent attempt by some Jewish elements to desecrate the Holy Sites in Jerusalem, the most recent example of which was the Israeli violence that took place on 8 October at the Haram al-Sharif in Jerusalem and resulted in over 20 Palestinian deaths and in the injury of more than 150 Palestinian civilians.

The meeting reaffirmed its condemnation of the acts of violence committed by the Israeli occupation forces, which have resulted in these injuries and loss of human life.

It further reaffirmed that the recurrence of such acts would be a blatant violation of international law, as well as an affront to the universal position of the world community recently reaffirmed in United Nations resolutions. It called upon Israel, the occupying Power, to abide scrupulously by its legal obligations and responsibilities under the Fourth Geneva Convention, which is applicable to all Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, as well as other Arab territories occupied by Israel since then.

The meeting strongly reaffirmed its firmest rejection of all attempts to change the status or character of the Holy City of Jerusalem, and considers all such attempts and measures taken by Israel as null and void.

In this connection, it called upon the international community to remain forceful and resolute in its position regarding the status of Jerusalem, as reflected in Security Council resolutions 476 (1980) and 478 (1980).

On this occasion, the members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference at the United Nations expressed their sincere appreciation to those delegations which adopted positions and expressed opinions unequivocally reaffirming the international consensus on the status of Jerusalem, and which are actively seeking to reinforce the international community's resolve in this regard.

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IRAQI AGGRESSION AND THE CONTINUED
OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT IN FLAGRANT
VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE
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SECURITY COUNCIL
Forty-fifth year

Letter dated 17 December 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the texts, in English and French, of the Declarations on the Gulf Crisis (annex I), on the Middle East (annex II), and on Lebanon (annex III) issued by the Twelve States members of the European Community at the European Council held in Rome on 14 and 15 December 1990.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35 and 153, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vieri TRAXLER
Ambassador

ANNEX I

Declaration on the Gulf crisis

1. The European Community and its member States remain firmly committed to full implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions. Complete Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and the restoration of Kuwaiti sovereignty and of its legitimate Government remain the absolute conditions for a peaceful solution of the crisis.

2. Security Council resolution 678 (1990) sends the clearest possible signal to Iraq that the international community is determined to ensure full restoration of international legality. The responsibility lies on the Iraqi Government to ensure peace for its people by complying fully with the demands of the United Nations Security Council, in particular by a complete withdrawal from Kuwait by 15 January.

3. The European Community and its member States earnestly hope that implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions can be peacefully secured. To this end, they support a dialogue of the sort President Bush has offered. They also favour action by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and hope that the Security Council's permanent members will remain actively involved as well. They wish Arab countries to continue to play an important role in the efforts for a peaceful solution. The European Community and its member States underline the value of a contact between the Presidency and the Foreign Minister of Iraq, aimed at securing, in co-ordination with other members of the international community, full compliance with the Security Council resolutions.

4. The European Council expresses relief at Iraq's decision to release all foreign hostages, but underlines its deep concern at Iraq's failure to withdraw from Kuwait, at its oppressive and inhuman occupation of Kuwait and its attempt to destroy the fabric of the country.

ANNEX II

Declaration on the Middle East

1. The European Council expresses its dismay at the continuing lack of clear prospects for a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and to the Palestinian problem, and at the renewed acts of terrorism and violence. It expresses its deep concern at the rising incomprehension and tension in the occupied territories. It renews its call to the parties concerned to refrain from violence that can only engender new violence. It expresses its concern about the Israeli practices of collective reprisals, such as the destruction of houses or restrictions on freedom of movement, and deplores the recent decision to place moderate Palestinians under administrative arrest.

The European Council calls once again upon Israel to comply with resolutions 672 (1990) and 673 (1990) of the United Nations Security Council, to act in conformity with its obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention on the protection of the Civilian Population, and to co-operate with the United Nations. It welcomes the recommendations by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in this regard and fully supports every effort of the United Nations Security Council to achieve a better protection of the Palestinian population and to promote peace in the area. It reaffirms the determination of the European Community and its member States to further assist the Palestinian population in its serious plight.

2. The European Council reiterates its long-standing commitment to a just and lasting solution to these problems, in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and with the principles expressed by the European Community in its previous declarations. To this end, the European Council reaffirms its support for the principle of convening, at an appropriate time, an international peace conference, under the auspices of the United Nations.

3. The serious deterioration in the economic situation in the occupied territories is a source of great concern to the Community. In this connection, the European Council reaffirms its commitment to the economic and social development of Palestinian people and considers that, in the new circumstances, the doubling of Community aid to the occupied territories decided by the Strasbourg European Council appears particularly appropriate and timely.

The European Council also considers it vital for all efforts to be made to create the conditions for facilitating and increasing trade between the occupied territories and the Community.

4. As expressed in its Declaration of 28 October 1990, the European Council remains convinced that relations of mutual confidence and co-operation must be encouraged among the countries of the region, with a view to establishing a situation of stability, security, economic and social well-being, and respect of civil and political rights, to forestalling the recurrence of crises, and to preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction. The European Community and its member States remain ready actively to co-operate with the concerned countries

to achieve these goals and to contribute to the success of the task entrusted by relevant resolutions to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to examine measures to enhance security and stability in the region. In this connection, the European Council reaffirms the importance of a meaningful and constructive Euro-Arab dialogue.

ANNEX III

Declaration on Lebanon

The European Council expresses its satisfaction at the implementation of the security plan in Greater Beirut following the withdrawal of all militias from the Lebanese capital. It expresses the hope that the recent developments can foster the process of national reconciliation and lead to the full implementation of the Taif agreements, thus bringing about the restoration of the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of a Lebanon free of all foreign troops and enabling the Lebanese people to express their will through free elections.

It appeals to the parties concerned to release all remaining hostages.

The European Community and its member States reaffirm their commitment to help provide Lebanon with the assistance needed to build its future and view favourably the participation of the Community in the pledging conference for the creation of a Lebanon assistance fund.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMON SYSTEM

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "United Nations common system" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 34th, 35th, 37th and 49th meetings, on 12, 15, 16, 19, 23, 26 and 27 November and 18 December 1990. Comments made in the course of the discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/45/SR.27, 29-31, 34, 35, 37 and 49).

3. For the consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the sixteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission. 1/

4. The Committee also had before it the notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (A/C.5/45/23) and those of the Co-ordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (A/C.5/45/24), and a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/45/43), transmitting a statement adopted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at its second regular session of 1990. It further had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/45/29) on the administrative and financial implications of the recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the International Civil

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/45/30 and addendum).

Service Commission and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/7/Add.7).

5. The report of the International Civil Service Commission was introduced by its Chairman at the 27th meeting, on 12 November (see A/C.5/45/SR.27).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/45/L.16

6. At the 49th meeting, on 18 December 1990, the representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.16, which was elaborated following informal consultations.

7. Prior to the vote, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management addressed the Committee on behalf of the Secretary-General. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.16 without a vote (see para. 9).

8. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Canada, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, India, the United States of America and Cuba.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

9. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the sixteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission 2/ and other related reports, 3/

I

1. Reaffirms the central role of the International Civil Service Commission in the regulation and co-ordination of conditions of service, including pensionable remuneration of all graded and ungraded staff, of the United Nations common system;

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/45/30 and Addendum).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No.9 (A/45/9); and A/45/7/Add.7, A/C.5/45/23, A/C.5/45/24 and A/C.5/45/43.

2. Endorses the efforts of the Commission to maintain the integrity and unity of those conditions of service in order to strengthen the effectiveness of common system activities and to ensure equity of treatment of all staff;

3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General and to the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations common system that all efforts be made to absorb in 1991 and thereafter a significant portion of any additional costs arising in respect of the regular budgets of all organizations as a result of the comprehensive review of the conditions of service of the Professional and higher categories;

II

Recalling section VIII of its resolution 42/221 of 21 December 1987, section II of its resolution 43/226 of 21 December 1988, and section II of its resolution 44/198 of 21 December 1989,

Taking note of the decisions and conclusions of the Commission with respect to the modification of its working methods and the format of its annual reports,

Welcoming the renewed participation of the staff representatives in the work of the Commission,

1. Reaffirms the independence and impartiality of the Commission in the performance of its functions, as envisaged in article 6 of its statute;

2. Expresses satisfaction with the establishment of a more active dialogue between the Commission and representatives of organizations and staff, inter alia, through tripartite working groups;

3. Requests the Commission to continue to seek improvements in the format and presentation of its report, with a view to enhancing its clarity and making it more comprehensible;

4. Requests the Secretary-General and his colleagues in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in preparing the report on the review of the functioning of the Commission, in accordance with section II, paragraph 1, of resolution 44/198, to recommend alternative measures to improve the Commission's functioning;

III

Noting with concern that it has again not been possible for the Commission to recommend the introduction of a revised remuneration structure for staff in the Professional and higher categories that would result in greater transparency and simplicity in the concepts and administration of the remuneration system,

Noting the Commission's intention to review and evaluate the proposed procedures for the treatment of housing in the light of the experience gained,

1. Urges the Commission to continue to pursue its examination of the remuneration structure, in particular concerning the treatment of housing, and to report its findings to the General Assembly, as appropriate, taking into account the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee;

2. Takes note of the recommendations of the Commission with regard to the treatment of housing, as contained in paragraph 95 of its report; 2/

3. Requests the Commission, as a matter of urgency, to continue to take measures to improve the measurement of the housing element in the remuneration package;

4. Requests the Commission to establish a pilot project designed to simulate the operation of the proposals of the Commission in a limited number of duty stations in the field where valid housing comparisons are difficult or impossible, on the understanding that housing will remain within the post adjustment system in the meantime, and to report on the experience gained with that project to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

5. Requests the Commission to examine experience gained with the functioning of the current rental subsidy scheme for headquarters duty stations and to review its proposals for a revised rental subsidy scheme, contained in paragraph 95 (b) (iv) and (viii) of its report, 2/ taking into account views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee on the need to improve the rental subsidy scheme, without losing its purpose of facilitating the resettlement of new staff members and of encouraging mobility within the common system, and to present its conclusions and recommendations on the subject to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

6. Decides to introduce, with effect from 1 January 1991, as a provisional arrangement, a revision to the current rental subsidy scheme at headquarters locations that provides for reimbursement over a seven-year period at the rate of 80 per cent for the first four years and 60 per cent, 40 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively, for the three years thereafter;

IV

Taking note of the compilation of the overview of common system allowances and those of the comparator civil service, as contained in annex VII to the Commission's report 2/ and the Commission's decisions thereon,

1. Urges the Commission to make the utmost effort to complete its review of dependency allowances and its study on expatriate entitlements granted to staff living in their home countries and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

2. Invites the Commission to update the comparative overview of allowances on a regular basis;

V

Taking note of the decisions and recommendations of the Commission with respect to the conditions of service of staff at the Assistant Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General and equivalent levels, as contained in paragraph 124 (b) of its report, 2/

Requests the Commission to reconsider, in a comprehensive manner, the remuneration of staff of organizations of the United Nations common system at the Assistant Secretary-General and Under-Secretary-General and equivalent levels, taking into account, inter alia, the remuneration levels of equivalent positions in the comparator civil service, representation and other allowances, housing arrangements and pensionable remuneration levels, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

VI

Recalling the importance of ensuring that the governing bodies of the specialized agencies take common positions with regard to matters of concern for the United Nations common system,

Concerned by the continuing practice of some organizations to grant additional steps beyond the salary scale approved by the General Assembly,

Noting that the World Intellectual Property Organization has revised its rules in respect of an additional step in the salary scales of the Professional and higher categories,

1. Urges the governing bodies of the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization to take the necessary measures to bring their salary scales into line with those of the other organizations of the common system, as recommended by the Commission;

2. Invites the Commission, with regard to its recommendation on non-pensionable cash awards to reward merit, to continue its review of performance evaluation systems in all United Nations common system organizations, with a view to ensuring that such systems are objective and transparent and can provide a sound basis for decisions on the proposed cash awards, as well as on within-grade increments and promotions, as indicated in section I.F, paragraph 3, of resolution 44/198;

3. Urges Member States to ensure that their representatives in the meetings of the governing bodies of the organizations of the common system are informed of the positions taken by the Commission and the General Assembly in respect of United Nations common system conditions of employment;

4. Takes note of the recommendations being made by the Commission to the executive heads, as contained in paragraph 235 of its report; 2/

VII

Recalling that in section I, paragraph 2, of its resolution 40/244 of 18 December 1985, it approved a range of 110 to 120, with a desirable mid-point of 115, for the margin between the net remuneration of officials in the Professional and higher categories of the United Nations in New York and that of officials in comparable positions in the United States federal civil service, on the understanding that the margin would be maintained around the desirable mid-point over a period of time,

Recalling also, that in section I.C, paragraph 5, of its resolution 44/198, it requested the Commission to monitor the annual net remuneration margin over the five-year period beginning in calendar year 1990 with a view to ensuring, to the extent possible, that by the end of that period the average of the successive annual margins is around the desirable mid-point of 115,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Commission, as contained in paragraphs 188 and 189 of its report, 2/

Noting the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,

Noting also the possibility of a freeze of post adjustment in 1991 for duty stations throughout the United Nations common system, as mentioned in the statement of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 4/

Requests the Commission to continue to monitor the evolution of the margin and also the impact of the potential changes in the United States federal civil service pay levels, as a result of the implementation of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990, and to present recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, with a view to avoiding a future prolonged freeze of post adjustment within the five-year period beginning in calendar year 1990;

VIII

Recalling section I.H, paragraph 1, of its resolution 44/198, by which it approved the establishment of a floor net salary scale, with effect from 1 July 1990, by reference to the corresponding base net salary levels of officials in comparable positions serving at the base city of the comparator civil service,

1. Approves, with effect from 1 March 1991, the revised scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories contained in annex I to the present resolution and the consequential amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations, as reflected in annex II to the present resolution;

4/ A/C.5/45/43.

2. Reiterates its request to the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the operation of the mobility and hardship allowance and, in particular, on the evolution of the mobility and hardship allowance in reference to equivalent allowances granted by the comparator and in relation to the base/floor salary itself;

IX

Taking note of the decisions of the Commission with regard to the practice of some Member States of making supplementary payments or deductions with respect to their nationals and, in particular, the affirmation by the Commission that such arrangements are unnecessary, inappropriate and undesirable, and are inconsistent with the Staff Regulations of the organizations,

Concerned that some Member States have yet to respond to the requests of the Chairman of the Commission for information on this issue and, in this context, that insufficient progress has been made in taking measures to discontinue these practices,

1. Notes the efforts of some Member States to reduce these practices, and encourages other Member States to take similar measures;

2. Invites those Member States that have not yet responded to the requests of the Chairman of the Commission for information to do so;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the executive heads of the organizations of the common system to take such measures and make such proposals as they consider appropriate in order to end such practices;

4. Requests the Commission to study the practice of supplementary payments and deductions and to propose measures to resolve this problem;

X

Noting the Commission's intention to conduct a study of the process for setting education grant levels and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session,

Approves the changes to the maximum admissible levels of expenses incurred under the education grant in five currencies, as contained in paragraph 251 of the report of the Commission; 2/

XI

Recalling its resolutions 41/207 of 11 December 1986, 42/221, 43/226 and 44/198, by which it had drawn the attention of the organizations of the common system (a) to the Commission's recommendations with respect to special measures for the recruitment of women; (b) to the need for organizations to submit proposals to the Commission that would remove obstacles to equality in promotion prospects; and (c) to the importance of providing information on measures taken and results

achieved in improving the status of women in both the Professional and higher categories and the General Service and related categories in the secretariats of the organizations,

Concerned at the slow and uneven progress made in these areas,

Invites the Commission, working together with the organizations of the common system and with the staff representatives, to examine specific and practical steps to translate these past recommendations and requests into action and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

XII

Noting articles 13 and 14 of the statute of the Commission, under which it is empowered to make recommendations on classification and other aspects of personnel policy,

1. Requests the Commission to resume its active consideration of these substantive areas;

2. Also requests the Commission, in elaborating common personnel practices, to study, among other questions, the practice of inter-agency secondment and transfer, the feasibility of creating common staff rosters along occupational lines and the consistent system-wide application of the Master Standard for classification;

XIII

Recalling article 12 of the Commission's statute and article III of the Staff Regulations of the United Nations,

Noting the action taken on the Commission's recommendations in respect of the survey of best prevailing conditions as regards the General Service staff in New York in October 1989,

Concerned that this action could establish an undesirable precedent for similar survey exercises throughout the United Nations common system in the future,

Appreciative of the broader managerial considerations involved,

1. Notes the application of the salary scale of the General Service category in New York that was put into effect as of 1 October 1989, and decides that this scale should not constitute a precedent for future salary surveys;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to adjust the salaries of the General Service category in New York to levels consistent with best prevailing rates of remuneration as determined by the Commission in accordance with its mandate so that there is no disparity by the time of the next survey;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to present to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on procedures, whereby the Secretary-General and other executive heads could take measures regarding salary scales of the General Service category at variance with recommendations of the Commission, only after consultations with appropriate intergovernmental bodies and the Commission;

4. Takes note that the Commission will review in 1991 the methodology for the conduct of salary surveys of the General Service and related categories at headquarters duty stations, and requests the Commission to present a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

XIV

Recalling that the work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit includes a study on the question of grade overlap between the Professional and higher categories and other categories of staff in the common system,

Requests the Commission, in view of the above report, to consider the relativities between the terms and conditions of service of staff in the Professional and higher categories and those in other categories, as well as the broader question of the recruitment and retention of staff.

ANNEX I

SALARY SCALE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES a/

Annual gross salaries and net equivalents after application of staff assessment

(United States dollars - effective 1 March 1991)

Level	Steps														
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV
Under-Secretary-General															
USG Gross	128 659														
Net D	76 702														
Net S	68 853														
Assistant Secretary-General															
ASG Gross	116 442														
Net D	70 350														
Net S	63 600														
Director															
D-2 Gross	94 478	96 644	98 809	100 993	103 200	105 407									
Net D	58 873	60 021	61 169	62 316	63 464	64 612									
Net S	53 995	54 990	55 983	56 957	57 906	58 855									
Principal Officer															
D-1 Gross	83 047	84 902	86 756	88 610	90 465	92 319	94 173	96 028	97 882						
Net D	52 815	53 798	54 781	55 763	56 746	57 729	58 712	59 695	60 677						
Net S	48 749	49 600	50 451	51 302	52 153	53 004	53 855	54 707	55 558						
Senior Officer															
P-5 Gross	72 782	74 429	76 076	77 723	79 370	81 036	82 714	84 392	86 070	87 748	89 426	91 104	92 782		
Net D	47 302	48 192	49 081	49 971	50 860	51 749	52 639	53 528	54 417	55 307	56 196	57 085	57 975		
Net S	43 784	44 598	45 412	46 225	47 039	47 826	48 596	49 366	50 136	50 906	51 677	52 447	53 217		
First Officer															
P-4 Gross	59 277	60 854	62 431	64 008	65 596	67 202	68 808	70 414	72 020	73 626	75 232	76 839	78 445	80 052	81 688
Net D	39 952	40 820	41 687	42 554	43 422	44 289	45 156	46 024	46 891	47 758	48 625	49 493	50 360	51 227	52 095
Net S	37 101	37 884	38 666	39 448	40 234	41 028	41 821	42 615	43 408	44 201	44 995	45 788	46 582	47 374	48 125
Second Officer															
P-3 Gross	47 890	49 320	50 749	52 179	53 608	55 039	56 521	58 002	59 483	60 965	62 446	63 928	65 417	66 926	68 435
Net D	33 547	34 362	35 177	35 992	36 807	37 621	38 436	39 251	40 066	40 881	41 695	42 510	43 325	44 140	44 955
Net S	31 325	32 060	32 795	33 530	34 265	34 999	35 734	36 469	37 204	37 939	38 673	39 408	40 146	40 891	41 637
Associate Officer															
P-2 Gross	38 075	39 311	40 546	41 781	43 016	44 251	45 503	46 781	48 060	49 338	50 617	51 895			
Net D	27 814	28 543	29 272	30 001	30 729	31 458	32 187	32 915	33 644	34 373	35 101	35 830			
Net S	26 101	26 768	27 435	28 102	28 769	29 436	30 099	30 755	31 413	32 070	32 727	33 384			
Assistant Officer															
P-1 Gross	28 521	29 633	30 769	31 917	33 065	34 214	35 374	36 561	37 748	38 935					
Net D	22 018	22 719	23 419	24 120	24 820	25 520	26 221	26 921	27 621	28 322					
Net S	20 776	21 422	22 066	22 710	23 354	23 999	24 642	25 283	25 924	26 565					

D = Rate applicable to staff members with a dependent spouse or child.

S = Rate applicable to staff members with no dependent spouse or child.

a/ This scale represents the result of a consolidation of five multiplier points of post adjustment into net base salary. There will be consequential adjustments in the post adjustment indices and multipliers at all duty stations, effective 1 March 1991. Thereafter, changes in post adjustment classifications will be effected on the basis of the movements of the newly consolidated post adjustment indices.

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ANNEX II

Amendment to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

Regulation 3.3

Replace the table under assessment in subparagraph (b) (i) by the following tables:

Assessment

(In percentages)

Total assessable payments (United States dollars)	Staff assessment rates for purposes of pensionable remuneration and pensions
First $15 000 per year	4
Next $10 000 per year	20
Next $10 000 per year	25
Next $20 000 per year	29
Next $20 000 per year	32
Next $20 000 per year	35
Next $30 000 per year	37
Remaining assessable payments	39

	Staff assessment rates used in conjunction with gross base salaries and the gross amounts of separation payments	
Total assessable payments (United States dollars)	Staff member with a dependent spouse or a dependent child	Staff member with neither a dependent spouse nor a dependent child
First $15 000 per year	13.0	17.5
Next $ 5 000 per year	31.0	34.3
Next $ 5 000 per year	34.0	38.6
Next $ 5 000 per year	37.0	41.9
Next $ 5 000 per year	39.0	43.9
Next $10 000 per year	41.0	46.0
Next $10 000 per year	43.0	48.6
Next $10 000 per year	45.0	50.4
Next $15 000 per year	46.0	50.6
Next $20 000 per year	47.0	54.1
Remaining assessable payments	48.0	57.0

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ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER ELECTIONS

Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 42/108 of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1989.

2. By its decision 44/312 of 20 November 1989, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/44/748), appointed Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990. On 2 November 1990, the Secretary-General accepted with regret the decision of Mr. Stoltenberg to resign from his post with immediate effect.

3. In conformity with the procedure established by paragraph 13 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Secretary-General proposes to the General Assembly that it elect Mrs. Sadako OGATA (Japan) as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 1991.

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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Note verbale dated 18 December 1990 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and is pleased to refer to the report of the Credentials Committee contained in document A/45/674, which was approved by the General Assembly in plenary meeting. It would like to state that the felicitous union produced by the merger of Iraq and Kuwait on 9 August 1990 has made Iraq and Kuwait once again a single State represented by a single delegation to the United Nations. Accordingly, the delegation of Iraq enters a reservation with respect to the decision of the Credentials Committee to accept the credentials of the so-called delegation of Kuwait to the United Nations and wishes to have that reservation officially recorded. The Mission would appreciate the circulation of the present letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 3.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER GROUP IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session, and to allocate to the Fifth Committee, the item entitled the Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America.

2. At its 47th and 50th meetings, on 15 and 19 December 1990, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (A/45/833) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/867).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/45/L.13

3. At the 50th meeting on 19 December 1990, the representative of Ireland introduced draft resolution (A/C.5/45/L.13).

4. At that meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.13 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/SR.47 and 50).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 644 (1989) of 7 November 1989, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Group, the latest of which was resolution 675 (1990) of 5 November 1990,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Observer Group in Central America, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America by certain Member States,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Observer Group in Central America with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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1/ A/45/833.

2/ A/45/867.

1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America in full and on time;

3. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 27,144,600 United States dollars gross (26,377,000 dollars net) authorized by the General Assembly and apportioned in paragraph 5 of its resolution 44/44 for the operation of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America for the period from 7 May to 7 November 1990, inclusive;

4. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States for the period 7 May to 7 November 1990, as provided for in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 10,219,300 dollars gross (9,989,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 7 November 1989 to 7 May 1990, inclusive;

5. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 19,410,200 dollars for the operation of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America for the period from 7 November 1990 to 7 May 1991, inclusive;

6. Decides as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 19,410,200 dollars for the above-mentioned period among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 3/

7. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,718,000 dollars for the period from 7 November 1989 to 7 November 1990, inclusive;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 591,600 dollars approved for the period from 7 November 1990 to 7 May 1991, inclusive;

9. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Observer Group in Central America at a rate not to exceed 2,730,000 dollars gross (2,633,000 dollars net) per month, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory

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3/ See resolution 43/223 A.

Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for the period from 7 May to 7 November 1991, inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Group beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 675 (1990), the said amount to be appropriated among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

10. Decides that Liechtenstein shall be included in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments;

11. Decides also that Namibia shall be included in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments;

12. Decides further that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America until 7 November 1990 of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the present resolution shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in paragraph 7 of the present resolution;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Observer Group in Central America in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Observer Group in Central America is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.

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INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991

Programme budget implications of draft resolution V recommended by the Third Committee in its report (A/45/764)

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

1. At its 46th and 50th meetings, on 14 and 19 December 1990, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/45/64) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution V recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 38 of its report (A/45/764). The Fifth Committee also had before it the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/7/Add.11).

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/45/SR.46 and 50).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution V recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 38 of its report (A/45/764):

(a) A position of Under-Secretary-General should be established on a temporary basis, taking into account the advice of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report (A/45/7/Add.11) and section I of resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989, stressing the need for identifying additional high-level posts for reduction. In this respect, the Secretary-General

would also propose a comprehensive restructuring of United Nations entities at Vienna, in accordance with draft resolution V;

(b) The adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to additional requirements in the amount of $83,900 under section 20 of the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 and would constitute additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget and would therefore be subject to the guidelines for the operation and use of the contingency fund adopted by the Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

(c) Moreover, an amount of $23,900 would be required under section 31, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

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Letter dated 14 December 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that the attached document, entitled "Economic Community of West African States, First Extraordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government, Bamako, 27-28 November 1990, Final Communiqué", be issued as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 30, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ousman A. SALLAH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Economic Community of West African States

First Extraordinary Session of the Authority of Heads of State and Government

Bamako, 27 and 28 November 1990

Final Communiqué

1. The Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) held its first ever Extraordinary Session on 27 and 28 November 1990 at Bamako under the Chairmanship of His Excellency Alhaji Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara, President of the Gambia and current Chairman of the Authority. The session was attended by the following Heads of State and Government or their accredited representatives:

His Excellency General Mathiew Kerekou
President of the Republic of Benin

His Excellency Captain Blaise Compaore
Chairman of the Popular Front
Head of State
Head of Government
Burkina Faso

His Excellency Mr. Aristides Maria Pereira
President of the Republic of Cape Verde

His Excellency Mr. Félix Houphouet Boigny
President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

His Excellency Alhaji Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara
President of the Republic of the Gambia

His Excellency Flight-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings
Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council
Head of State of the Republic of Ghana

His Excellency General Joao Bernardo Vieira
Secretary-General of the PAIGC
President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

His Excellency General Moussa Traore
Secretary-General of the Democratic Union of Malian People
President of the Republic of Mali

His Excellency General Ali Saibou
Chairman of the Supreme Council for National Orientation
Head of State of the Republic of the Niger

His Excellency General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida
President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf
President of the Republic of Senegal

His Excellency Major-General Dr. Joseph Saidu Momoh
President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

His Excellency General Gnassingbe' Eyadema
Founder-Chairman of the Togolese People's Rally
President of the Togolese Republic

Honourable Commandant Facine Toure
Minister of Transport and Works, Representing the President of the Republic of Guinea

Honourable Hasni Ould Didi
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Representing the President of the Republic of Mauritania

2. Present at the summit as special guest was His Excellency Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity

3. Also attending the summit in an observer capacity were the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the regional representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Report of the Standing Mediation Committee

4. The Chairman of the ECOWAS Standing Mediation Committee, His Excellency Alhaji Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara, submitted a report to the Extraordinary Summit on the activities of the Committee. The Authority noted the report and expressed its appreciation to the members of the Committee for the initiative taken in finding a peaceful resolution to the crisis in Liberia. It particularly expressed gratitude for the human, financial and material contributions these member States had made on behalf of the Community towards the restoration of peace and stability in Liberia.

Review of the Liberian situation

5. In reviewing the current situation in Liberia, the Authority noted that the ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) had succeeded in establishing calm in Monrovia and its immediate environs. This measure of success had made it possible for both ECOMOG and international relief agencies to carry out humanitarian relief work and for tens of thousands of foreign nationals, including ECOWAS citizens, who

had been trapped in Liberia without any means of escape or protection, to be evacuated. The Authority expressed the hope that permanent peace and harmony would soon be restored throughout the territory of Liberia.

Endorsement of ECOWAS peace plan

6. The Authority endorsed the ECOWAS peace plan for Liberia as embodied in the Banjul communiqué and decisions of the Standing Mediation Committee adopted on 7 August 1990. The ECOWAS peace plan, among other things, calls for:

(a) A complete cease-fire and cessation of destruction of life and property;

(b) ECOWAS monitoring of the cease-fire;

(c) The establishment of a broad-based interim government acceptable to the people of Liberia;

(d) The holding of general and presidential elections within 12 months;

(e) Observation of the elections by ECOWAS and other international bodies to ensure that they are free and fair.

7. The Authority noted with satisfaction that the ECOWAS peace plan had received the widest acceptance and support from Liberians and the international community.

Signing of the cease-fire agreement

8. In giving practical effect to this ECOWAS peace plan for Liberia, the Authority stressed the urgent need for a comprehensive cease-fire to be observed by all the warring parties as a necessary condition for the return of peace and normalcy throughout the territory of Liberia. The Authority therefore warmly commended the two warring parties - the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) and the Independent National Patriotic Front of Liberia (INPFL) - who had agreed to observe a cease-fire and had signed a cease-fire agreement at Banjul on 24 October 1990.

9. At the Extraordinary Session of the Authority at Bamako, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPLF) - the third party to the conflict in Liberia - expressed its readiness to join in the search for a peaceful solution to the conflict. The Authority noted with pleasure the acceptance by the NPLF and the other warring parties not only of the ECOWAS peace plan for Liberia as embodied in the communiqué and decisions of 7 August 1990 of the Community Standing Mediation Committee, but also their declaration of a cease-fire, which shall come into effect immediately. The Authority urged that the details for the implementation of the cease-fire should be worked out as soon as possible. It expressed the sincere hope that this declaration of cease-fire would mark the complete cessation of all hostilities as the necessary foundation for the return of lasting peace, stability and political accommodation and reconciliation of Liberia.

Collective responsibility for ECOMOG

10. Acknowledging that the membership of ECOMOG had never been closed even though the burden of the implementation of the ECOWAS peace plan has so far fallen entirely on the members of the Standing Mediation Committee, the Authority appealed to all other members of the Community able and willing to do so to contribute forces to the ECOWAS Cease-fire Monitoring Group in order to enlarge its peace-keeping capability. It also appealed to all member States that had not yet done so to make generous contributions to the special emergency fund for the ECOWAS operations in Liberia. The Authority further called upon all other African Governments and the rest of the international community to contribute to the special emergency fund.

11. The Authority also considered the necesssity for an agreement to be concluded between ECOWAS and the Interim Government of Liberia with respect to the status and operations of the Cease-fire Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) in Liberia. To this end, the Authority mandated the Executive Secretary to sign an agreement with the Interim Government of Liberia after approval by the Chairman of the Authority.

Agreement on interim governance of Liberia

12. The Authority urgently invited the parties to the conflict in Liberia to enter into dialogue with a view to reaching a political accommodation for the governance of Liberia within the framework of the ECOWAS peace plan. The Authority requested the Standing Mediation Committee to continue its efforts in encouraging such an accommodation between the Liberian groups.

Reaffirmation of the Protocol on Non-Aggression

13. The Authority strongly reiterated the imperative of securing peace and maintaining stability in the ECOWAS subregion as the necessary underpinning of economic co-operation and integration for the achievement of progress and prosperity in the Community. The Authority therefore considered it most tragic that while other regions of the world were making every effort to dismantle the apparatus of war and banish tensions and conflicts from their international relations, as evidenced by the widely acclaimed treaty of Paris recently signed by Governments at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, ECOWAS Heads of State and Government were compelled to meet in extraordinary conference to find ways of bringing to an early end the horrors of a civil war in a member State of the Community and containing the threat it posed to the peace, security and stability of the subregion.

14. Recalling that it had itself fully recognized the necessity for maintaining the peace and security of the subregion early in the life of the Community through the Protocol on Non-Aggression adopted on 22 April 1978, and believing that the Liberian crisis has given that Protocol a fresh validity, the Authority decided to reaffirm the provisions of the Protocol on Non-Aggression and to urge all member States to adhere fully to their obligations under it. In particular, the Authority

recalled the commitment by all member States to refrain from committing, encouraging or condoning acts of subversion, hostility or aggression against any other member State. It further called on all member States to refrain from any action that might prejudice or undermine the smooth and speedy implementation of the ECOWAS peace plan for Liberia.

Appeal for early return of refugees

15. The Authority expressed satisfaction at the progress made so far towards the restoration of peace and security in Monrovia. Considering that the declaration of a cease-fire by the parties to the conflict enlarges the prospect for the restoration of peace and security throughout Liberia, the Authority called on all Liberian refugees to plan an early return to Liberia, in order to join their compatriots in assisting the Interim Government in the implementation of its programme to return Liberia to democratic rule.

Appeal for international assistance to Liberia

16. The Authority made an urgent appeal to the international community, particularly its humanitarian relief organizations, to step up without further delay humanitarian relief work in Liberia with special emphasis on the provision of food, medical supplies and clothing. It also appealed to the international donor community to contribute generously to the efforts of the Interim Government in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the damaged economy of Liberia.

Vote of thanks

17. The Authority once more warmly commended and congratulated the Chairman and members of the Community Standing Mediation Committee for the timely initiatives taken on behalf of the entire Community to assist Liberians in their search for a lasting solution to the crisis in Liberia. The Authority expressed its appreciation for the excellent preparations made by the Committee, which had facilitated the deliberations of the Extraordinary Session.

18. The Authority expressed its sincere gratitude to His Excellency General Moussa Traore, Secretary-General of the Democratic Union of the Malian People and President of the Republic of Mali, and the entire Malian Government and people for the very warm and truly African welcome extended to all delegations and for the excellent facilities made available to ensure the success of its meetings.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled:

"Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East:

"(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

"(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered sub-item (a) of agenda item 129 at its 44th and 50th meetings, on 12 and 19 December 1990. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (A/45/716) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/832).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/45/L.9

3. At the 50th meeting, on 19 December, the representative of Canada introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/45/L.9). He orally amended the sixth preambular paragraph as follows:

"Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations".

4. At that meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.9, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this sub-item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/45/SR.44 and 50).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was Security Council resolution 679 (1990) of 30 November 1990,

Recalling its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 44/187 of 21 December 1989,

Reaffirming its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations involving heavy expenditures,

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1/ A/45/716.

2/ A/45/832.

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force by one Government,

Having regard to the financial position of the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General, and referring to paragraphs 16 to 18 and 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Recognizing that, as a consequence of the withholding of contributions by certain Member States, the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have, in effect, been drawn upon to supplement the income received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section II, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 3211 B (XXIX) the amount of 20,208,000 United States dollars gross (19,698,000 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in paragraph 6 of its resolution 44/187 for the operation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1990, inclusive;

2. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 20,679,000 dollars for the operation of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 December 1990 to 31 May 1991, inclusive;

3. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 20,679,000 dollars for the above-mentioned period among Member States, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by Assembly resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 3/

4. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 887,000 dollars gross (765,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1989 to 30 November 1990, inclusive;

3/ See resolution 43/223 A.

5. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, their respective share in the estimated income of 7,000 dollars other than staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 December 1990 to 31 May 1991, inclusive;

6. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 473,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 December 1990 to 31 May 1991, inclusive;

7. Decides that the surplus balance as at 31 December 1989 in the amount of 2,017,408 dollars shall be credited to Member States against their assessments in respect of such mandate periods as may be approved by the Security Council subsequent to 31 May 1991;

8. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force at a rate not to exceed 3,446,500 dollars gross (3,366,500 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 June to 30 November 1991, inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 679 (1990), the said amount to be appropriated among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

9. Decides that Liechtenstein shall be included in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments;

10. Decides also that Namibia shall be included in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments;

11. Decides further that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force until 30 November 1990 of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the present resolution shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in paragraph 3 of the present resolution;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by General Assembly resolution 44/192 of 21 December 1989;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled

"Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East:

"(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

"(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered sub-item (b) of agenda item 129 at its 44th and 50th meetings on 12 and 19 December 1990. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/45/802) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/832).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/45/L.10

3. At the 50th meeting, on 19 December 1990, the representative of Norway introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/45/L.10). The representative of Ireland orally amended the sixth preambular paragraph as follows:

"Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations".

4. At that meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.10, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this sub-item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/45/SR.44 and 50).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 659 (1990) of 31 July 1990,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 44/188 of 21 December 1989,

Reaffirming its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations involving heavy expenditures,

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1/ A/45/802.

2/ A/45/832.

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Having regard to the financial position of the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General, and referring to paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Recalling its resolution 34/9 E of 17 December 1979 and the subsequent resolutions in which it decided that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations should be suspended, the latest of which was resolution 44/188,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon by certain Governments,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States, resulting from the withholding of contributions by certain Member States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have, in effect, been drawn upon to the full extent to supplement the income received from contributions for meeting expenses of the Force,

Concerned further that the application of the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations would aggravate the already difficult financial situation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon,

1. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in section I, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution S-8/2 the amount of 144,012,000 United States dollars gross (141,672,000 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in paragraph 2 of its resolution 44/188 for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon from 1 February 1990 to 31 January 1991, inclusive;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon at a rate not to exceed 12,789,000 dollars gross (12,557,000 dollars net) per month for the twelve-month period beginning 1 February 1991, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 659 (1990);

3. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts referred to

in paragraph 2 above among Member States, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 3/

4. Decides also that Liechtenstein shall be included in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments;

5. Decides further that Namibia shall be included in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments;

6. Decides that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon until 31 January 1991 of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the present resolution shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in paragraph 3 of the present resolution;

7. Decides also that the provisions of regulations 5.2 (b), 5.2 (d), 4.3 and 4.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be suspended in respect of the amount of 21,897,147 dollars, which otherwise would have to be surrendered pursuant to those provisions, this amount to be entered in the account referred to in the operative part of General Assembly resolution 34/9 E and held in suspense until a further decision is taken by the Assembly;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon shall be administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. Renews its invitation to Member States and other interested parties to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General and also to make voluntary contributions in cash to the Suspense Account established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/9 D of 17 December 1979.

3/ See resolution 43/223 A.

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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS IRAN-IRAQ MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Shamel NASSER (Egypt)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session, and to allocate to the Fifth Committee, the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group".

2. At its 49th and 50th meetings, on 18 and 19 December 1990, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (A/45/847). The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/45/L.11

3. At its 50th meeting, on 19 December 1990, the Chairman introduced draft resolution (A/C.5/45/L.11). The representative of Ireland amended the seventh preambular paragraph as follows:

> "Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,"

4. At that meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/45/SR.49 and 50).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Commitee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, 1/ and the related oral report of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 619 (1988) of 9 August 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Group, the latest of which was resolution 676 (1990) of 28 November 1990,

Recalling its resolution 42/233 of 17 August 1988 on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 44/189 of 21 December 1989,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations involving heavy expenditures,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

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1/ A/45/847.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group in full and on time;

3. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in General Assembly resolution 42/233 the amount of 29,800,000 United States dollars gross (29,000,000 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 of its resolution 44/189 for the operation of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group for the period from 1 April to 30 September 1990;

4. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 5,000,000 dollars gross for the period from 1 April to 30 September 1990, inclusive;

5. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 9,823,000 dollars gross (9,503,000 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of its resolution 44/189 for the operation of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group for the period from 1 October to 30 November 1990;

6. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 5 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 9,823,000 dollars gross (9,503,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 October to 30 November 1990, inclusive;

7. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 7,274,000 dollars gross (6,946,000 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of its resolution 44/189 for the operation of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group for the period from 1 December 1990 to 31 January 1991;

8. Decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 7,274,000 dollars gross (6,946,000 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 December 1990 to 31 January 1991, inclusive;

9. Decides to defer any action on the estimated unencumbered balance of the appropriations as may be called for until its forty-sixth session;

10. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group at a rate not to exceed 3,475,000 dollars gross (3,269,000 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 February 1991 to 31 January 1992, inclusive, should the Security Council decide to continue the Group beyond the period of two months authorized under its resolution 676 (1990), the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

11. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts referred to in paragraph 10 of the present resolution among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 2/

12. Decides also that Liechtenstein shall be included in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments;

13. Decides further that Namibia shall be included in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 and that its contribution to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the Assembly at its forty-fifth session regarding the scale of assessments;

14. Decides that, in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the contributions to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group until 30 September 1990 of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the present resolution shall be treated as miscellaneous income to be set off against the apportionments authorized in paragraph 11 of the present resolution;

15. Approves the following special arrangements for the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Group shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4:

(a) At the end of the twelve-month period provided in regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received

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2/ See resolution 43/223 A.

or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account until payment is effected;

(b) (i) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(ii) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under subparagraph (a) above, if appropriate;

(iii) At the end of the additional four-year period any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor will be surrendered;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions proposed guidelines for setting limits to the period within which Governments are required to submit their claims;

17. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by General Assembly resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy.

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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled:

"Personnel Questions:

"(a) Composition of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations: report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) Other personnel questions: reports of the Secretary-General"

and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 15th, 16th, 18th, 22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 51st meetings, held on 24, 29 October, 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 November and 20 December 1990. The views expressed by the delegations during the discussions are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/45/SR.15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 51).

3. For its consideration of sub-item (a), the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat (A/45/541);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General, transmitting a list showing, by office, department and organizational element, the name, functional title, nationality and grade of all staff members of the United Nations Secretariat as at 30 June 1990 (A/C.5/45/L.2).

4. For its consideration of sub-item (b), the Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General on the respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations (A/C.5/45/10 and Corr.1).

5. For its consideration of sub-item (c), the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (A/45/548);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice in the Secretariat (A/C.5/45/11);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administration of justice in the Secretariat (A/45/806);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on secondment from government service (A/C.5/45/12);

(e) Analytical report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 41/213 (A/45/226);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the amendments to the Staff Regulations (A/C.5/45/3 and Corr.1);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the amendments to the Staff Rules (A/C.5/45/18);

6. Under this agenda item, the Committee also considered a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the views of the staff representatives of the United Nations Secretariat (A/C.5/45/19).

7. At its 15th meeting, on 24 October 1990, the Committee decided, without objection, to invite a designated representative of the staff of the United Nations Secretariat to make an oral statement before the Committee, pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 35/213 of 17 December 1980.

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A to C and draft decision (A/C.5/45/L.23) submitted by the Chairman

8. At the 51st meeting on 20 December 1990, the Chairman, Mr. E. Besley Maycock (Barbados), following informal consultations, introduced three draft resolutions on personnel questions (A/C.5/45/L.23): A, entitled "Composition of the Secretariat"; B, entitled "Administration of Justice"; and C, entitled "Improvement of the Status of Women in the Secretariat". The Chairman also introduced a draft decision entitled "Amendments to the Staff Rules".

9. The Committee then proceeded to adopt draft resolution I without a vote (see para. 15, draft resolution I).

10. The representative of the United Kingdom explained his position after the decision.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision submitted by the Chairman (A/C.5/45/L.23) without a vote (see para. 16).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.24

12. At its 51st meeting, on 20 December 1990, the Chairman, following informal consultations, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and specialized agencies and related organizations" (A/C.5/45/L.24).

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.24 without a vote (see para.15, draft resolution II).

14. The representative of the United Kingdom explained his position after the decision.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

15. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I

Composition of the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolutions 33/143 of 20 December 1978, 35/210 of 17 December 1980, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/200 A of 21 December 1987, 43/224 A of 21 December 1988 and 44/185 of 19 December 1989,

Recognizing the importance of maintaining a qualified, independent and geographically balanced international civil service,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat 1/ and the relevant sections of the analytical report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 41/213, 2/

Noting with appreciation the progress made in reducing the number of Member States that are unrepresented or underrepresented in the Secretariat,

Recognizing that matters related to the representation of Member States in the Secretariat are dealt with on a country basis,

Noting the positive results of national competitive examinations for posts at the P-1 and P-2 levels and the intention of the Secretary-General to introduce national competitive examinations for posts at the P-3 level in two occupational groups,

Noting also the continued efforts made to fill posts in organizational units with high vacancy rates, particularly in the regional commissions,

Noting further that there are limited opportunities for promotion in some occupational groups in the Secretariat,

Bearing in mind the views on personnel questions expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee during the forty-fifth session,

1. Reiterates its full support for the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization, and underlines its full respect for his prerogatives and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the role and emphasize the authority of the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat in accordance with recommendation 41 of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations; 3/

1/ A/45/541.

2/ A/45/226.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

3. Reaffirms, in accordance with the Charter, that the paramount consideration in the appointment, promotion, granting or reviewing of permanent contracts and career development of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and also reaffirms that this consideration is fully compatible with the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

4. Urges the Secretary-General, whenever making appointments at all levels to posts subject to geographical distribution, to make every effort to recruit nationals of unrepresented and underrepresented Member States, bearing in mind also the need to increase the number of staff recruited from Member States below the mid-point of their desirable ranges;

5. Notes that the existing practice of holding national competitive examinations is a useful tool for recruitment, inter alia, from unrepresented and underrepresented Member States, and requests the Secretary-General to expedite the recruitment of candidates successful in national competitive examinations with a view to filling all posts committed to each examination with the shortest possible delay;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take every available measure to ensure, at the senior and policy-formulating levels of the Secretariat, the equitable representation of Member States, in particular of developing countries and Member States with inadequate representation at those levels, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to include relevant information in future reports on the composition of the Secretariat;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to preserve the principles of equitable geographical distribution and rotation in the upper echelons of the Secretariat, to ensure that equal opportunity is given to candidates of all Member States when making appointments to all posts in the upper echelons, and not to extend, as a rule, the service of Under-Secretaries-General and Assistant Secretaries-General for a period exceeding ten years, in accordance with recommendation 54 of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations;

8. Reaffirms that no post should be considered the exclusive preserve of any Member State or group of States, and accordingly requests the Secretary-General, when making appointments to high-level and policy-formulating posts, to give equal opportunity to all Member States through the announcement of such posts to the extent possible, with due regard to the principles of the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and of equitable geographical distribution, bearing in mind that appointments are to be made at the discretion of the Secretary-General against specific selection criteria in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts aimed at improving the composition of the Secretariat by ensuring a broad and equitable geographical distribution of staff in the Professional and higher categories in all main

departments and offices, bearing in mind that the paramount consideration shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

10. Also requests the Secretary-General to consider measures in order to ensure, to the extent possible, the representation of the main legal systems in the Secretariat, where appropriate;

11. Further requests the Secretary-General, in order to ensure that equal opportunity is given to internal and external candidates, to take appropriate measures for the timely distribution of vacancy announcements to all Member States;

12. Requests the Secretary-General, with respect to the recruitment, transfer and promotion of staff for placement in the regional commissions, to make every effort to encourage equitable representation of all Member States in the regional commissions, in order to reduce the high vacancy rates;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in the report on the composition of the Secretariat to be presented to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session statistical tables indicating the nationality of staff serving in posts financed from extrabudgetary resources in the United Nations Secretariat;*

14. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in future reports on the composition of the Secretariat statistical tables broken down by the current groupings of Member States as well as tables in alphabetical order and to continue to produce tables showing the representation of developing and other countries in posts subject to geographical distribution;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the implementation of a competitive examination for posts at the P-3 level in two occupational groups;

16. Also requests the Secretary-General to pursue efforts towards the establishment of a comprehensive career development system for all categories of staff, bearing in mind the need to secure the highest standards of competence, efficiency and integrity and to promote mobility, and to report on this system to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

17. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue efforts to develop further and refine classification and evaluation systems and promotion procedures as an integral part of the vacancy management system, taking into account, inter alia, concepts of career ladders and linked grades, in consultation with the International Civil Service Commission, as appropriate, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

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* This is understood not to include United Nations organs that have delegated authority in matters of appointment of the staff.

18. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the issues mentioned in paragraph 8 of its resolution 44/185 A;

19. Urges the Secretary-General to strengthen the training and retraining capabilities of the Secretariat at all duty stations, and requests him to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on efforts to implement training programmes in the areas of language training, electronic data processing training, basic supervisory training and the upgrading of the professional knowledge of staff in substantive areas in conformity with recommendation 58 of the Group of High-Level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the review of staff-management activities and of the cost of staff representation in order to establish a more coherent, transparent and cost-effective framework for staff-management activities and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

21. Also requests the Secretary-General to present, in the context of all future programme budgets, specific information concerning expenditures relating to staff union activities, including staffing costs;

22. Further requests the Secretary-General, within the framework of staff-management consultations, to stress the need to solve outstanding issues through regular channels so as to ensure the functioning of the Organization;

II. Secondment from government service

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on secondment from government service, 4/

Recalling Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that there are differences inherent in the secondment of staff from government service to the United Nations and secondment between agencies of the United Nations common system,

Noting the uncertain status of many staff members made available to the United Nations by their respective Governments under current secondment procedures vis-à-vis their re-employment rights as government civil servants,

Taking into account the views expressed by Member States during the debate concerning secondment from government service at its forty-fifth session,

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4/ A/C.5/45/12.

1. Affirms that secondment is not in conflict with Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Reaffirms that secondment of staff from government service to the Secretariat can be beneficial to both the United Nations and Member States;

3. Endorses the basic approach of the Secretary-General regarding secondment as set out in his report, and requests him to review the procedures for future secondment from government service, taking into account the legitimate interests of the Organization and of the government service and the individual concerned, and to submit appropriate amendments to the Staff Regulations to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

4. Meanwhile requests the Secretary-General to deal with individual contracts on the basis of the approach described in paragraph 15 of his report, without prejudice to the rights of individuals as staff members of the Organization;

5. Invites Member States to continue to honour their obligations vis-à-vis their nationals made available to the United Nations under the current secondment procedures until their status is ascertained;

III. Desirable ranges

1. Requests the Secretary-General to exercise flexibility in the application of the desirable ranges in individual recruitment cases keeping in view all parts of the present resolution;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to present a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session in the light of paragraph 2 of section III of General Assembly resolution 42/220 on alternative options for desirable ranges, which was to have been considered at the forty-fifth session, and therefore resolves to decide this matter on a priority basis at the forty-sixth session of the Assembly;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above other possible methodological ways for the distribution of posts subject to geographical distribution among Member States.

B

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance of a just and efficient internal justice system in the Secretariat,

Recalling its resolutions 42/220 B of 21 December 1987, 43/224 B of 21 December 1988 and 44/185 B of 19 December 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice in the Secretariat 5/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 6/

1. Recognizes the considerable progress achieved in the area of administration of justice, in particular the efficient functioning of the Headquarters Joint Appeals Board and the promulgation of a fully revised set of disciplinary rules;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue with reforms in the administration of justice in accordance with resolution 44/185 B and to establish by 1991 an effective system for informal settlements of staff grievances as well as a well-functioning disciplinary system;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to undertake a study of the overall system of administration of justice taking into account the concrete suggestions for improvement of the system, inter alia, the establishment of an office of ombudsman and the functioning of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, the Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements and the Panel on Discrimination and Other Grievances made by Member States during the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

C

IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that the United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs,

Recalling Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 2715 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, in which it first addressed the question of the employment of women in the Professional category, and all relevant resolutions that have continued to focus on this area since then, particularly resolution 40/258 which welcomed the action programme to improve the status of women in the Secretariat for 1985-1990,

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5/ A/C.5/45/11.

6/ A/45/806.

Noting with satisfaction that the question of the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat of the United Nations continues to be a standing item on the agenda of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

Taking account of the relevant section of the report of the International Civil Service Commission, 7/

Taking note of the Secretary-General's report on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat 8/ and section II G of the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat, 9/

Noting with concern that, although there has been a slight increase in the percentage of women in the Secretariat, women fill only 7.1 per cent of posts at the D-1 level and above,

Reaffirming that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative, budgetary and personnel matters, including, inter alia, the issue of representation of women in the Secretariat,

1. Reiterates its full support for the Secretary-General as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization and his prerogatives and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Urges the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to increase the number of women in posts subject to geographical distribution, particularly in senior policy-level and decision-making posts, in order to achieve an overall participation rate of 30 per cent by the end of 1990 and, to the extent possible to 35 per cent by 1995, taking into account the principle that the paramount consideration shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution;

3. Also urges the Secretary-General, all things being equal and to the extent possible, to accord priority to the participation of women at the D-1 level and above of the Organization with a view to increasing the participation rate of women in posts at the D-1 level and above to 25 per cent of the total within the overall participation rate of women in 35 per cent of posts subject to geographical distribution by 1995;

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/45/30).

8/ A/45/548.

9/ A/45/541.

4. Reiterates its request that the Secretary-General make every effort to increase the representation of women from developing countries, in particular at the D-1 level and above;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to increase the representation of women from those countries with a low representation of women;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with resolution 44/185 of 19 December 1989, to develop an action programme for the advancement of women in the Secretariat for the period 1991-1995, incorporating as necessary the unfulfilled points of the 1985-1990 action programme and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to include in the action programme for the advancement of women in the Secretariat for the period 1991-1995 (a) a comprehensive evaluation and analysis by the Secretariat of the main obstacles to the improvement of the status of women in the Organization; (b) proposed measures to overcome the underrepresentation of women from certain Member States; and (c) a detailed programme of activities, including monitoring procedures and a timetable for their completion;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to maintain the existing Secretariat machinery and to consider the adequacy of the existing machinery to implement the action programme, taking account of the work-loads in the relevant offices, and to report thereon when presenting the action programme for the period 1991-1995;

9. Requests Member States to continue to support the efforts of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and related organizations to increase the participation of women in the Professional category and above by, inter alia, nominating more women candidates, especially for senior policy-level and decision-making posts, by encouraging women to apply for vacant posts and by creating national rosters of women candidates to be shared with the United Nations Secretariat, specialized agencies and related organizations.

Draft resolution II

Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, under Article 100 of the Charter of the United Nations, each Member of the United Nations undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities,

Also recalling that, under Article 105 of the Charter, all officials of the Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each of its Member States such

privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization,

Further recalling the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, 10/ the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, 11/ the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Development Programme Standard Basic Assistance Agreements,

Stressing that respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies is becoming even more imperative owing to the growing number of assignments entrusted to the organizations of the United Nations system by the member States,

Recalling its resolution 76 (I) of 7 December 1946, in which it approved the granting of the privileges and immunities referred to in articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations to all members of the staff of the United Nations, with the exception of those who are recruited locally and are assigned to hourly rates,

Also recalling its resolution 43/173 of 9 December 1988, to which is annexed the Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment, including the principle that all persons under arrest or detention shall be provided whenever necessary with medical care and treatment,

Reiterating the obligation of all officials of the Organization in the conduct of their duties to observe fully both the laws and regulations of Member States and their duties and responsibilities to the Organization,

Affirming that persistent obstruction of the exercise of the duties of United Nations officials constitutes an obstacle to the implementation of the mission entrusted by the Member States to the organizations of the United Nations system and may affect programme delivery,

Mindful of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General to safeguard the functional immunity of all United Nations officials,

Mindful also of the importance in this respect of the provision by Member States of adequate and immediate information concerning the arrest and detention of staff members and, more particularly, their granting of access to them,

Bearing in mind the considerations of the Secretary-General to guarantee appropriate standards of justice and due process to United Nations officials,

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10/ Resolution 22 A (I).

11/ Resolution 179 (II).

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on this subject,

1. Takes note with grave concern of the report of the Secretary-General, 12/ submitted on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and of the developments indicated therein, in particular the significant number of new cases of arrest and detention;

2. Deplores the increase in the number of cases where the functioning, safety and well-being of officials have been placed in jeopardy;

3. Also deplores the disregard for Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations displayed by some Member States;

4. Calls upon all Member States scrupulously to respect the privileges and immunities enjoyed by officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations and to refrain from any acts that would impede such officials in the performance of their functions, thereby seriously affecting the proper functioning of the organizations;

5. Urges Member States and others responsible for the illegal detention of United Nations staff members to release them immediately;

6. Calls upon the Secretary-General to use all such means as are available to him to bring about an expeditious solution of the cases still pending, which were referred to in the report;

7. Urges the Secretary-General to give priority to the prompt follow-up of cases of arrest, detention and other possible matters relating to the security and proper functioning of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

8. Calls upon those Member States holding under arrest or detention officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to enable the Secretary-General or the executive head of the organization concerned to exercise fully the right of functional protection inherent in the relevant multilateral conventions and bilateral agreements, particularly with respect to immediate access to detained staff members;

9. Also calls upon all Member States to take the necessary measures in order to promote knowledge of and compliance with the Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment, including the principle that all persons under arrest or detention shall be provided whenever necessary with medical care and treatment;

10. Affirms that, in providing medical assistance, the use of independent medical teams should be considered;

12/ A/C.5/45/10.

11. Calls upon the staff of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations to comply fully with the provisions of Article 100 of the Charter and with the obligations resulting from the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, in particular regulation 1.8, and from the equivalent provisions governing the staff of the other agencies;

12. Takes note with concern of the restrictions on duty travel of officials as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

13. Also takes note with concern of the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General related to taxation on salaries and emoluments, and requests the Member States concerned and the Secretary-General to agree urgently on the appropriate action to be taken;

14. Calls upon all Member States otherwise impeding officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations in the proper discharge of their duties to review the cases and to co-ordinate their efforts with the Secretary-General or the executive head of the organization concerned to resolve each case with all due speed;

15. Calls upon the Secretary-General, as chief administrative officer of the United Nations, to continue personally to act as the focal point in promoting and ensuring the observance of the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations by using all such means as are available to him;

16. Urges all Member States that have not yet become parties to the existing international legal instruments covering the question of privileges and immunities of officials, in particular to the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, to do so promptly;

17. Welcomes the advisory opinion of 15 December 1989 of the International Court of Justice on the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations that this section is applicable to persons other than United Nations officials to whom a mission has been entrusted by the Organization and who are therefore entitled to enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in that section with a view to the independent exercise of their function;

18. Requests the Secretary-General, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to review and appraise the measures already taken to enhance the proper functioning, safety and protection of international civil servants;

19. Also requests the Secretary-General, in compiling the information for incorporation into the reports on privileges and immunities of officials submitted on behalf of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to include, to the extent possible, the views of the Member States.

16. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Amendments to the Staff Rules

The General Assembly, noting the need periodically to review the Staff Rules and to report annually to the General Assembly the full text of provisional Staff Rules and amendments, decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Rules 13/.

13/ A/C.5/45/18.

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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered agenda item 117 in conjunction with agenda item 119, entitled "Programme planning", at its 12th, 14th, 16th to 21st, 23rd, 26th, 35th, 49th and 51st meetings, on 19, 23, 29 to 31 October 1990, 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 26 November 1990, and 18 and 20 December 1990. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of these items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/45/SR.12, 14, 16-21, 23, 26, 35, 49 and 51).

3. For the consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Analytical report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/46/226) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/617);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993 (A/45/369) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/45/878);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the compendium of mandates of subsidiary administrative and budgetary bodies of the General Assembly (A/45/370);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of technological innovations in the United Nations (A/45/478);

(e) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (A/45/16, Parts I and II). 1/

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.20

4. At the 51st meeting, on 20 December 1990, the Vice-Chairman, following informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.20 entitled "Review of the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations".

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.20 without a vote (see para.10, draft resolution I).

6. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Venezuela, Cuba, Japan and Colombia.

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.26

7. At the 51st meeting, on 20 December 1990, the representative of Cuba, following informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.26, entitled "Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution II).

9. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

10. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

1/ The report will be issued in printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/45/16).

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Review of the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and its resolutions 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 43/213 of 21 December 1988 and 44/200 of 21 December 1989 on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213,

Reaffirming that measures to improve the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and to improve the planning, programming and budgeting process should aim at and contribute to strengthening the effectiveness of the Organization in dealing with political, economic and social issues in order better to achieve the purposes of and respect for the principles set out in the Charter of the United Nations,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General, 2/ the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 3/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 4/

Recognizing that the reform measures undertaken so far in accordance with resolution 41/213 have contributed to improving the efficiency of the Organization in certain areas,

Recognizing also that the involvement of Member States in the new planning, programming and budgeting process has facilitated a broader agreement of Member States on the programme budget of the United Nations,

Noting that, while having somewhat improved, the financial situation of the Organization remains uncertain,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the analytical report of the Secretary-General;

2. Endorses the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2/ A/45/226 and A/45/370.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/45/16), Part I.

4/ A/45/617.

3. Renews its appeal to all Member States to demonstrate their commitment to the United Nations by, inter alia, meeting their financial obligations on time and in full in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

4. Emphasizes that the strengthening of the effectiveness of the Organization is a continuing process requiring the joint efforts of Member States and the Secretariat;

5. Stresses that measures for the improvement of the effectiveness of the Organization should aim at the fulfilment of all its objectives;

6. Reiterates its support for the Secretary-General in the fulfilment of his responsibility as Chief Administrative Officer;

7. Recognizes the importance of the new budget process in order to enhance the effectiveness of the Organization;

8. Encourages the Secretary-General and Member States to pursue the objectives of resolution 41/213, particularly those that have yet to be met, and invites the Secretary-General to consolidate and build upon the results achieved through the reform process and to submit proposals, whenever necessary, for improvements in the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization, in order to enable it to fulfil more effectively its role;

9. Also encourages the Secretary-General to continue to implement provisions of resolution 41/213 and other relevant resolutions on questions of personnel and posts in the Organization, particularly those that have yet to be implemented, and invites Member States and the Secretary-General to exercise maximum restraint in their proposals for the staffing table of the Organization, particularly for high-level posts;

10. Stresses that the relationship between posts and programmes funded from the regular budget and those funded from extrabudgetary resources requires further analysis and consideration;

11. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure a greater transparency in the management and use of the extrabudgetary resources made available to the Organization in order, in particular, to assess more precisely the impact of those resources on the activities, programmes and priorities of the Organization;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on all aspects of the role and use of extrabudgetary resources, as outlined by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly; 5/

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/44/7 and addenda).

13. Encourages the intention of the Secretariat to develop management and work-load analysis techniques and invites the Secretary-General to take into account the results of such techniques in the course of the preparation of his proposed programme budgets in order to ensure the full and effective implementation of all programmes and activities of the United Nations;

14. Reiterates the importance of a comprehensive solution to the problem of all additional expenditures, including those deriving from inflation and currency fluctuation;

15. Reiterates also the importance of the review of the procedures for the provisions of statements of programme budget implications and for the use and operation of the contingency fund, and recalls that it will consider a single report on these questions at its forty-sixth session;

16. Calls upon Member States to provide the conditions for the effective functioning of the Organization, in particular through the fulfilment of their financial obligations as set out in the Charter, in order to sustain the desirable effects of the process of reform and renewal;

17. Decides to continue considering annually the administrative, structural and other aspects of the improvement of the efficiency of the Organization, and invites the Secretary-General to report accordingly.

B

The General Assembly,

Reiterating the importance of co-ordination as a policy instrument in improving the performance of the organizations of the United Nations system, ensuring complementarity of efforts and increasing cost-effectiveness,

Stressing again the need to strengthen the role of Member States in the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system and of the Secretary-General with respect to system-wide co-ordination,

1. Endorses the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in the field of co-ordination;

2. Endorses also the conclusions and recommendations of the report of the joint meeting of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination; 6/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the annual review report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination a section on the measures taken or envisaged to implement the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Joint Meeting of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

6/ A/45/835.

4. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to make available to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, together with the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and of the Economic and Social Council on that report.

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The General Assembly,

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of technological innovations in the United Nations, 7/ and requests that an updated version of that report be submitted in the context of the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution of 41/213 of 19 December 1986 by which, inter alia, it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the programme budget for the following biennium,

Recalling also its resolution 43/214 of 21 December 1988 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1990-1991 and use and operation of the contingency fund,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 8/ the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 9/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 10/

1. Reaffirms that the outline, being a part of the new budget process, is in a developmental period, that its methodology requires greater improvements, transparency and accuracy and that the whole exercise should be applied with flexibility, in accordance with resolution 41/213 and resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

7/ A/45/478.

8/ A/45/369.

9/ A/45/16 (Part II).

10/ A/45/878.

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and notes the intention of the Advisory Committee to study further the methodology of the outline;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 on the basis of the total preliminary estimate provided by the Advisory Committee of 2,006,200,000 United States dollars at the initial 1990-1991 rates indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, to be adjusted at 1992-1993 rates;

4. Decides that the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 shall provisionally be established at a level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate at 1992-1993 rates (or 2,462,400,000 United States dollars at the 1992-1993 rates indicated by the Advisory Committee), i.e. 19,000,000 United States dollars, and recalls that the level and mode of operation of the contingency fund shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session in accordance with paragraph 4 of its resolution 44/200 of 21 December 1989;

5. Notes the proposals of the Secretary-General and the views expressed by Member States on priorities, and endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination thereon, and requests the Secretary-General to pay particular attention to them in preparing his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

6. Recognizes that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, while ensuring that such resources are adequate for the fulfilment of the objectives, programmes and activities of the Organization, as mandated by the relevant legislative bodies of the United Nations, thereby facilitating the widest possible agreement on the programme budget;

7. Notes the rate of real growth, compared with the previous budget indicated by the Secretary-General in his report, and stresses that the methodology for the preparation of the outline and the programme budget should be revised, taking into account the views of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as well as the need for increased transparency in the methodology used to reflect inflation and currency fluctuations;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to present his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in accordance with the present resolution and all resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly pertinent to the new budgetary process.